

The Board of Trade  
to Lord Shelburne  
[with enclosure]

CR-VII, 447-448

Whitehall  
April 16<sup>th</sup> 1767

My Lord,

In obedience to His Majesty's Commands signified to us in your Lordship's letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, we herewith inclose to your Lordship a report of the Civil Establishments of the Governors, Judges and other Officers principally concerned in the administration of Justice in the several Colonies of North America, as far as can be collected from the materials in this Office

We are &c,

Clare<sup>1</sup>

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Thomas Robinson<sup>2</sup>

Wm Fitzherbert

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<sup>1</sup>Viscount Clare was a member of the Board of Trade. Born Robert Nugent (later, Craggs Nugent), he was raised to the Irish peerage in 1766. Lord Clare was a member of the House of Commons from Bristol from 1754 to 1774 and was one of the wealthiest men of his day, his wealth being enhanced by marriages to rich widows. Higginbotham, *The Papers of James Iredell*, I, 7n; Valentine, *The British Establishment*, II, 654-655.

<sup>2</sup>Thomas Robinson (1695-1770), of Edgeley and Newby, West Riding, Yorkshire, was created Baron Grantham of Lincolnshire in 1761. His various positions included these: member of the Board of Trade, 1748-1749; master of the wardrobe, 1749-1754, 1755-1761; privy councillor, after 1750; secretary of state, Southern Department, leader of the House of Commons for Newcastle, 1754-1755; joint postmaster general, 1765-1766. Sainty, *Officials of the Board of Trade*, 114; Valentine, *The British Establishment*, II, 743-744.



[Report enclosed:]

#### NORTH CAROLINA

The establishment in North Carolina, consists of a Governor, Chief Justice, five Associate Judges and an Attorney General.

The Governor, Chief Justice and Attorney General are appointed from home; the Associate Judges are appointed by the Governor.

The salary of the Governor is £1000 p ann; paid here in England out of the revenue of four and a half per cent payable on the produce of Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands exported.

The Chief Justice has a salary of £70 per annum, and the Attorney General of £80 per annum payable by Treasury Warrant out of the Quit Rents on Lands of North Carolina, and by an Act of that Province passed in the year 1762, the Chief Justice, the Associate Judges, and the Attorney General are to receive out of the Provincial Treasury certain allowances for holding the several Courts established by that Act in the five districts, into which that Colony is divided.